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1. USIA-controlled Waagner-Biro A.G. is still experiencing a serious shortage of steel plate, thereby causing the delay of several major construction projects.* As a result, the firm's directorate is trying to arrange for an early delivery of 40 tons of steel plate varying in thickness from 10mm to 30mm. USIA is reportedly offering VCE&ST at Linz a considerable quantity of blast furnace coke at extremely low prices, payable in Austrian schillings, in exchange for steel profiles and steel sheets. However, USIA officials are pessimistic as to the outcome of this transaction, and have consequently sent an urgent request to Czechoslovakia for the delivery of four or five carloads of steel.

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Comment: These difficulties were reported

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